

## BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

### 123rd Annual Meeting, 7 May 1996

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President Janet Reid called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. in the Waldo Schmitt Room, National Museum of Natural History. Following approval of the minutes from the 1995 annual meeting, Janet announced results of the 1996 elections of officers and Council members: President Elect—Richard Vari (NMNH); Secretary—Carole Baldwin (NMNH); Treasurer—Chad Walter (NMNH); Council—John Fornshell (Thomas Jefferson High School), Al Gardner (NMNH), Susan Jewett (NMNH), Rafael Lemaitre (NMNH), Diana Lipscomb (George Washington University), and Jim Norris (NMNH). Nominating Committee members Dave Pawson (Chairman) and Brian Kensley were recognized for their efforts in assembling a ballot for the elections.

Janet reported that the Council had voted to increase dues the Society pays to the American Association of Zoological Nomenclature from \$150 to \$200, and to allow the Association of Systematics Collections to use the Society's mailing list in an attempt to reach potential candidates for their Taxonomic Resources and Expertise Directory (TRED).

*Proceedings* Editor Brian Robbins reported that four issues of Volume 108 were published comprising 72 papers and 752 pages. There were 87 submissions in 1995, and as of 1 May 1996, there were 34 submissions, two fewer than at the same time in 1995 but the same as in 1994. Brian announced a decision by the Council to modify the statements on subsidized page charges that appear in each issue on the inside back cover. Beginning with this issue, the Society's policy on subsidizing page charges will be described as follows: "The Society, on request, will subsidize a limited number of contributions per volume."

Treasurer Chad Walter reported that income for the Society between 1 January 1995 and 31 December 1995 was \$70,413.44 (\$41,776.00 from publication charges, \$23,220.00 from dues and subscriptions, \$4,588.44 from interest on the Society's accounts, \$829.00 from sales of back issues), and expenditures were \$70,317.99 (\$59,868.85 for publication costs, \$10,070.47 for management costs, \$378.67 for bank charges). The net gain of \$95.45 for this period (Table 1) does not reflect all income and expenditures associated with the publication of issue 108-4. Chad noted that no remuneration was received by the Society for 72.7% of the pages published in issue 108-1, a record high for this accounting category. The average number of printed pages paid for by authors was 54% for the year.

Austin Williams was recognized for his service as Publications Manager from 1989–1995, particularly for effecting a major reorganization of the Society's stored paperwork. He was assisted in this effort by President Janet Reid. Austin has been replaced as Publications Manager by Storrs Olson, and will join Richard Banks and Chad Walter on the Financial Committee.

The Society notes with sorrow the deaths of three past presidents. Thomas E. Bowman, who held the office of President in 1974–1975, passed away on 10 August 1995. Tom also served as Vice-President (1973–1974), Council member (1968–1970), and Associate Editor for invertebrates (1974–1987). Ernest Lachner, 1967–1968 President, passed away 7 January 1996. Ernie served as 1st Vice-President of the Society (1966–1967), on the Council (1962–1963), and as a consulting specialist

Table 1. Summary Financial Statement for 1995.

|                              | General Fund | *Endowment Fund | Total Assets |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ASSETS: JANUARY 1, 1995      | 34,016.35    | 71,966.83       | 105,983.18   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1995      | 65,829.50    | 4,583.94        | 70,413.44    |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1995 | 70,317.99    | 00.00           | 70,317.99    |
| ASSETS: DECEMBER 31, 1995    | 29,527.86    | 76,550.77       | 106,078.63   |
| NET CHANGES IN FUNDS         | -4,488.49    | 4,583.94        | 95.45        |

\* The proceeds from sales were not directly deposited into the Endowment Fund (Calvert Account), but were deposited into the General Fund. However, sales are reported herein as being part of the Endowment Fund.

for ichthyology on the Editorial Board (1961–1963). Meredith Jones, 1970–1971 President, passed away 5 March 1996. Meredith’s other Societal contributions included Vice-President (1967–1968, 1969–1970), 1st Vice President (1968–1969), Council (1988–1989), and Editor of “The Panamic

biota: some observations prior to a sea-level canal,” published in 1972 as Bulletin 2.

The meeting was turned over to incoming President Steve Cairns, who thanked Janet for her contributions to the Society over the past three years. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.